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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. To Be Assigned)
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For: Non-Reciprocal Circuit Element Having)
Small Insertion Loss and Wide Isolation)
Bandwidth, and Communication Device)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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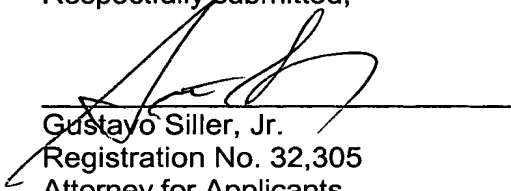
Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-203507A discloses a configuration of a non-reciprocal circuit element in which reflection characteristics are improved to improve insertion loss and isolation characteristics.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

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